

Guard in international meetings and conferences.

Mr. Sedlak has been an integral member of the U.S. Coast Guard throughout his career, and his contributions in both active duty service and as a civilian employee are greatly appreciated by all members of the district and community.

At this moment, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our sincerest thanks to Mr. Sedlak for his service to our nation and all the work he has done for the CVC.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSELYN BAKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roselyn Baker, who passed away January 5, 2017. Roselyn was a wonderful mother, wife and friend, whose presence will be greatly missed.

Roselyn was born in Fresno, California in 1926 to Kourken and Varsenig Shabaghlian, both survivors of the Armenian Genocide. The family initially lived in the heart of downtown Fresno before relocating to San Francisco when Roselyn was a young child. There her parents operated several grocery stores. You would frequently find Roselyn by her father's side at the stores, assisting with deliveries and getting to know the customers.

Roselyn attended Girls High School in San Francisco, where her love of classical music was born and fostered by her teachers. Roselyn graduated high school in 1944 and enrolled in San Francisco City College. Roselyn began working in the ladies glove department for Roos Brothers and Ransahoff's Department Stores in downtown San Francisco.

Roselyn met the love of her life George F. Baker, a veteran who was attending the College of Physicians & Surgeons Dental School on the GI Bill. George and Roselyn were married in 1947 at St. John's Armenian Apostolic Church in San Francisco. The couple moved to Fresno, where George would open a dental practice in the Tower District. Roselyn served as the office manager and dental assistant in her husband's practice. Roselyn was a devoted mother, frequently serving as a volunteer teacher's aide. Roselyn enjoyed reading books and keeping up with current events. She was an avid San Francisco Giants fan, rejoicing when the team finally won the World Series in 2010.

Roselyn is survived by her two devoted children, Dr. Timothy G. Baker and Bethany R. Baker, in addition to family and close friends. Timothy practices dentistry in the same building in the Tower District as his father.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in memorializing the life of Roselyn Baker.

HONORING MR. ADONIS CHARLES EXPOSE, KING ZULU 2017

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Mr. Adonis Charles Expose, a native of my hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana. I especially wish to congratulate him on becoming the King of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club for 2017. It is my distinct privilege to recognize him for this accomplishment.

Mr. Expose has been a member of the Zulu organization since 2002 and has actively participated on every level in various leadership capacities. In 2008, he represented the Zulu organization as Mayor of Zululand. He has also had the honor of serving as Parliamentarian of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, Inc. for six years.

In addition to his work with Zulu, Mr. Expose is a dedicated family man and has been active in his community. He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and former board member of Young Audiences, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Louisiana and Heart N Hands, Inc. He has been a member of the Pines Village Neighborhood Association, Mayor's Office Task Force Committee for Blighted Housing and an alumnus of the Committee for a Better New Orleans/Metropolitan Area Committee along with being involved with Forever Our Children, Inc. and the Young Leadership Council.

Mr. Expose is a graduate of McDonogh No. 35 Senior High School and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications with a minor in English. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Southern University A&M College. He began his professional career at the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) where he served as a Strategic Planning Analyst and was later promoted to Director of Communications for the agency. Currently, he is employed by the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in the Office of Procurement and Contracts. The commitment that Mr. Expose shows to his family and community is an example to all of us.

In closing Mr. Speaker, the hard work and dedication of Mr. Adonis Charles Expose to improving the community gives us hope and promise for the future of our city and I congratulate him on his coronation as King Zulu and wish him a successful reign in 2017.

STANDING FOR A STRONG AND SOVEREIGN MACEDONIA

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore my support of a strong and sovereign Macedonia.

The nation of Macedonia has been a critical partner in advancing U.S. national security efforts around the world. Furthermore, the Macedonian diaspora in the United States has been a critical part of our community and has

contributed to the diversity and advancement of our entire nation.

As co-chair of the Congressional Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans Caucus and Representative for Michigan's 11th district, the Macedonian people in Southeast Michigan are a vibrant and esteemed part of our community.

A sovereign and strong Macedonia and Macedonian people serves to benefit our mutual interests and we must support, not undermine, our important ally.

TRIBUTE TO FRAN KAPLAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 2017

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fran Kaplan who has served as a mentor, educator, community leader, social worker, translator, writer, administrator and self-described "social justice activist" for nearly five decades. Fran Kaplan turned 70 on February 9, 2017 and in her retirement has volunteered hundreds of hours a year serving as coordinator of America's Black Holocaust Museum's (ABHM) online presence at www.abhmuseum.org. She helps curate the 2900+ exhibits covering 400 years of African American history, and co-facilitates ABHM's film/dialogue series, helping Americans understand the past in order to heal the present.

Fran was born in Lafayette, Indiana and at an early age came to believe that racial/ethnic hatred and power struggles were the principal cause of suffering in the U.S. and around the world. She had experienced the ways that racism distorts the psyche and lives of both victim and victimizer while growing up Jewish in a small Indiana town.

Dr. Kaplan was able to participate in a field work placement as a graduate student at the University of Michigan with New Detroit, a black led organization that arose to revive the city after the uprisings in 1971. Fran is a fluent Spanish-speaker and is Jewish and was tasked to conduct anti-racism training and organizing for whites and other non-blacks.

Since that internship, she continued to find many opportunities to apply what she learned there. The focus of her life's work has been the rights of women, children, minorities and the poor, and ensuring access to community resources for marginalized groups. Dr. Kaplan has founded and administered a number of community organizations, among them a women's health center, a farm worker self-help organization, and a training center for Spanish-speaking early childhood educators. Fran is also a published writer and the producer of award-winning short and feature films. Her co-authored screenplay, *Fruit of the Tree*, about the life of lynching survivor James Cameron, founder of the ABHM, has won awards in national and regional competitions. The international trainer-consultant for a global parenting education program, Fran authored and co-produced its Spanish-language videos, books, and games. With Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Kaplan curated and edited *Lynching: An American Folkway*, a digital transmedia anthology distributed by Biblioboard, Inc. to libraries across the country.

Fran has been recognized by various organizations in Milwaukee and Wisconsin for promoting racial justice and providing leadership